

Rain tonight and tomorrow; light variable winds.

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WESTERN RIVERS RISING, HEAVY RAINS CONTINUE

Great Damage to Crops Reported Along the Ohio, Mississippi, and Their Tributaries—River Thirty Miles Wide at Cairo.

River Men Fear Flood Will Exceed That of 1884. Steamers Delayed and Many Towns Cut Off. Convicts to Repair Levees.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 10.—The Ohio River here is rising at the rate of eight-tenths of a foot in twenty-four hours, and registered forty-three feet this morning. The crest of the wave is not expected to reach here before the last of this week or the first of next, and a stage of forty-five or forty-six feet is expected by then.

Reports received last night from towns along the Wabash, Little Wabash, White, Dakota, Green, Pond and Rough Rivers, show those streams to be rising rapidly. At Mount Carmel the Wabash is over thirty-one feet, the highest point reached since 1884. The river is still rising and hundreds of people have been forced from their bottom homes. Thousands of bushels of corn have been lost in cribs.

River Thirty Miles Wide. The river in many places between Owensboro, Ky., and Cairo, Ill., is thirty miles in width. All the steamers on the Ohio are delayed by the high water, and many towns cannot be reached at all.

The Louisville and Evansville packets will suspend navigation on today. Rough River, a few miles above here, has forced several hundred lumbermen out of their homes. Schools have been suspended in many localities. The general belief this morning among river men is that the stage of 1884 will be reached by the last of next week.

A dispatch from English, Ind., reports much damage done by the Blue River. The English State Company lost several thousand feet of lumber, and the merchants of the lower part of the town lost heavily.

The bridge across Blue River, leading to Hazlewood Sulphur Springs, was washed away and several persons barely escaped.

The Wabash, at Vincennes, is eighteen feet and rising. People from the Illinois side are compelled to use boats or walk on the levee to reach Vincennes. Thousands of acres are under water in that vicinity. It is still raining.

New Albany Inundated.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., March 10.—The Ohio River is advancing on State and Pearl Streets, two of the lowest points in the business part of the city, and Water Street from First to Bank Street, a distance of four squares, is submerged. Residents along the river front are preparing to move into their second floors, as the rise above this place is expected to bring several feet of water. The lowlands west of the city are under water and considerable damage has been done. The rise will cover the Pennsylvania freight yards at State Street. Rain is still falling.

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 10.—Farmers are fleeing from the bottomlands along the both forks of the White River in this county, and great anxiety is felt for grain and stock that have already been surrounded by the back waters.

A great flood is expected. The rain continues.

Convict Labor on Lines.

JACKSON, Miss., March 10.—The Yazoo, levee board, now in session at Clarksdale, last night appealed to the board of control for the use of all able-bodied convicts on the levees, and all other help that can be spared. Several hundred will be hastened to the river front.

The levee board is seriously alarmed over the prospects of a big overflow, and is doing everything possible to strengthen the levees.

SHOCKED BY CIRCUIT IN MAIL BOX

WILMINGTON, Del., March 10.—While placing a letter in a mail-box today Mrs. Eugene Jamison was severely shocked by electricity at Fourth and West Streets. A circuit had been formed between a live wire overhead and the box.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

There will be rain tonight and Wednesday in the middle and south Atlantic States and upper Ohio valley, and rain tonight in the Gulf States and lower Mississippi valley.

It will be colder Wednesday in the lower Mississippi valley, the Ohio valley, and Tennessee.

The winds along the middle and south Atlantic coast will be mostly east to southeast and light to fresh; on the east Gulf coast mostly southeasterly and fresh.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 46
12 a. m. 47
1 p. m. 48

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 6:01 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 6:19 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 5:20 p. m.
Low tide today 11:57 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 5:52 a. m., 6:20 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 12:29 a. m.

ANNUAL SALE FOR TAXES IN ARREARS

Full Cash Payments Required of Bidders.

MUCH PROPERTY IS LISTED

Collector E. G. Davis Explains Changes to Be Made in Manner of Bidding.

The annual sale for taxes in arrears began today at 10 o'clock at the District Building, and will continue daily until March 19. It will close at 4 o'clock of that date. There were 12,000 pieces of property listed as in arrears, but since the publication of the list about 2,000 have been paid, leaving 10,000 items to be disposed of at the sale.

In opening the sale E. G. Davis, Collector of Taxes, explained the changes to be made in the manner of bidding under the requirements of the law of July 1, 1902. The principal change, he said, was that all surplus bids must be paid down in cash, the same as the taxes and expenses. That means that each bidder must pay the entire sum bid, and will not be allowed to make the payment two years hence or when the tax deed may be issued. Another change was that the money must be paid at the time of the bid or must be covered by a blanket deposit made with the Collector before the sale began.

Mr. Davis said that several persons had deposited \$5,000 each with him to cover the operations of the sale for the first few days. He said he thought it would expedite matters if all would do so. This statement fell like a bombshell in the ranks of the purchasers, and there was an immediate scurry for blank checks to make the necessary deposit. A few had the money with them, and paid over. These were for the most part small bidders interested in a few pieces of property.

About twenty bidders were present and there were perhaps fifty onlookers. When the deposits had been made the sale started, conducted by C. W. Collins, Assistant Collector. The first item, part of lot 15, and improvements in square 1, of \$26.20, was bid in by C. H. Wiltzie, of Rochester, N. Y., the capitalist who has invested large sums in the delinquent taxes of the District.

Among the principal participants in the sale are Mr. Wiltzie; the Security Company, of Middleburg, Pa., represented by J. W. Thompson; H. B. Slade, of Rochester, whose interests are looked after by William H. Manogue; W. M. Newman, W. W. Edwards, J. G. Slater, W. F. Holtzman, and E. A. McIntyre.

Owing to the damper put upon the high bidding by the new law, the sale proceeded today in a very tame manner as compared with former years.

SECRETARY MOODY ON A CRUISE TO RECUPERATE

Sails With Party on Board the Dolphin for West Indies.

Secretary Moody and party left Washington at 3 o'clock this afternoon for a six weeks' cruise about the West India Islands. They went by rail to Charleston, S. C., where they will go aboard the Dolphin, which will first put in at Key West for coal. From there she will sail for Havana.

At the Cuban capital Secretary Moody and his party will leave the Dolphin and cross the island by rail to Guantanamo, where the vessel will go to meet them. Among the places which the party will visit are San Juan, P. R., Culebra, St. Thomas and Jamaica.

In the Secretary's party are Postmaster General Payne, Senator Hale of Maine, Senator Proctor of Vermont, Representative Gillette of Massachusetts, Representative Cannon of Illinois, Judge James R. Dunbar of Massachusetts, Mr. Pearl of Haverhill, Mass., Secretary Moody's law partner, and Free W. Fishback, Secretary Moody's private secretary.

WYOMING WILL GIVE ITS VOTE TO PRESIDENT

Not Blamed for Errors in Western Policy.

"There has been no estrangement of President Roosevelt from the people of Wyoming or any lessening of his deserved popularity there," said Representative F. W. Mondell of Wyoming, at the White House today. "He is strong in the State, and will have the delegation at the national convention. It is also true that many people in the State feel that the Federal efforts for forest preservation have been based too much on Eastern ideas of handling a Western question."

Representative Mondell called to introduce to the President the State attorney general, J. A. Van Orsdel, who, for three years was chairman of the Republican State committee, and Edward F. Stahl, chairman of the Laramie county committee. They had a short chat about conditions in the West. Mr. Van Orsdel assured the President that Governor Richards did not represent any feeling in Wyoming of opposition to the President.

"The explanation of the present criticism of the President," Mr. Mondell said, "is that he is held responsible for what other Federal officials have done. We all know the President is the firm friend of the West, has its interests at heart and is desirous of doing all he can to encourage its upbuilding and development. Other officials, to bolster up theories, opposed to the needs of the West as shown by experience, have declared that their policy is really the President's policy."

"The kind of a policy which Wyoming people favor is one which will enable them to secure home sites rather than forest parks. I do not believe in reserving large tracts of land without regard to their forest cover, nor prohibiting grazing where it is needed for the benefit of settlers."

CUBAN TREATY NOT BELIEVED IN DANGER

Senate Leaders, on the Whole, Pleased With the Outlook.

Senate leaders do not put much stock in the reports that new and formidable opposition has sprung up against the ratification of the Cuban treaty. At any rate they will not admit that anything stands in the way of securing favorable action by a vote of their colleagues in the near future. A number of Senators who called at the White House today expressed satisfaction with the outlook, though unwilling to make any predictions as to the date when the extra session will end.

Among the Senatorial callers were Aldrich, Allison, Hanna and Lodge. The Iowa was accompanied by Representative Hepburn, who was looking after some minor appointments. Representative Hull of the same State was at the Executive offices at the same time, but on another matter.

Senator Aldrich said: "All that I have heard of new opposition to the Cuban treaty has been in the papers. We expect it to pass." There was no comment to be made about financial legislation at this time, the Senator added.

Senator Hanna expects to bring to the President's attention shortly the request of the women employed in Government departments as "laborers" while doing clerical work. They desire to be given official standing equal to those who do the same kind of work, yet are classed higher. The Senator had two constituents with him today, and had no opportunity to take up the local matter.

PHILIPPINE COINS ARE NEARING COMPLETION

Bureau of Insular Affairs Rushing the Work—Two Pesos For One Dollar.

The Bureau of Insular Affairs is hard at work getting out the new coins for the Philippines.

Seventy-five millions of "pesos" will be minted before the job is complete, and, after that number is issued, as many more will be coined from time to time as the business of the islands demands.

Two pesos will be taken in exchange for one American dollar. The skilled engravers at the Philadelphia mint are now at work on the dies for the pesos and the fractional coins—half pesos, 25 centavos, 10 centavos and centavos.

Filipino Designs Dies.

All the designs are the work of Melicio Figueroa, a native Filipino artist and sculptor, who studied in Rome and Paris and has won laurels in Madrid. Upon the obverse of the silver coins is the erect figure of a Filipino girl stand-

ing beside an anvil, with a hammer in her hand. Behind her in the distant background is the smoking representation of Mayon, the largest of the Philippine volcanoes.

This volcano is not active just now, but, of course, that fact has nothing to do with art as represented on the coins. Over the girl's head is the denomination of the piece of money, as "un pesos" and beneath is the word "Filipinas."

The reverse of the coin bears the American shield surmounted by an eagle, with the date of the coinage. The obverse of the copper centavos bears the same smoking volcano and the same anvil and hammer, only that the workman pictured is a Filipino man, seated with the hammer in his lap instead of resting upon the anvil. The reverse of the copper coins is the same as that of the silver.

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CHOLERA EPIDEMIC STILL RAGING IN PHILIPPINES

In All 125,810 Cases Have Been Reported.

Since the present epidemic of cholera broke out in the Philippines, 125,810 cases have been reported to the authorities. The scourge is still devastating the Moro country, according to advices just received from Manila, and in Misamis, where the cholera is carrying off a large number daily.

One American surgeon and two assistants are in charge and are doing all in their power to check the disease. The last report from there gave forty-four cases and twenty-three deaths in one day.

The Camarines report gave twenty-three cases and twelve deaths, and Capiz sixteen cases and sixteen deaths during the same period.

NORFOLK'S ADDRESS TO POPE ANGERS ITALIANS

Places Pilgrims on Side of Church Against Throne.

ROME, March 10.—The English pilgrims, led by the Duke of Norfolk, were presented to the Pope today. Norfolk read an address of loyalty and devotion and presented the prelate with a liberal Peter's Pence.

His holiness looked better than he has since his recent illness, and manifested gratification at the expressions of the faithful of England. The address of the duke contained the following passage: "We cannot forget that you have strenuously asserted the independence of the holy see, which Catholics throughout the world will never cease to claim."

Italians resent this statement bitterly, as it places the pilgrims on the side of the church in the fight which is in progress between the Vatican and the throne as to supremacy.

MILLION-DOLLAR CONCERN ORGANIZED TODAY

Kanawha Water and Light Company of West Virginia Elects Officers.

The Kanawha Water and Light Company, of Charleston, W. Va., was organized in Washington this morning. The company was recently organized for the purchase of the Charleston gas, electric light, water and street railway franchises, which were obtained at a cost of \$600,000.

At the meeting today, the following officers were chosen: Richard Elkins, Washington, president; W. F. Sadler, Jr., Trenton, N. J., secretary and treasurer. The following directors were also chosen: Senator S. B. Elkins, Richard Elkins and Colin H. Livingstone, of Washington; W. F. Sadler, Jr., Trenton, N. J., and State Senator Charles W. Swisher, Fairmont, W. Va.

The capital of the company is \$1,000,000, and the charter authorizes its increase to \$2,000,000. The general offices of the company will be located temporarily in this city.

MISSOURI ANTI-CIGARETTE BILL SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 10.—The bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and cigarette paper to children under eighteen years of age passed the senate yesterday. The house had previously passed the bill.

TO LET RACE QUESTION ALONE.

NASHVILLE, March 10.—A resolution was adopted yesterday by the house of representatives requesting the governor to ignore the request of the governor of Wisconsin to appoint delegates to a convention to settle the race question, declaring that the race question will settle itself.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Arrived: La Bretagne, from Havre; Buckman, from Port Maria; Larco Bay, from Lisbon.

TRAINS IN COLLISION ON SOUTHERN ROAD

One Person Instantly Killed, Another Fatally Hurt.

DANVILLE PLACE OF WRECK

Engineer on Down-Grade Lost Control of Brakes and Crashed Into Train From Washington.

(Special to The Washington Times.) DANVILLE, Va., March 10.—The Southern Palm Limited, northbound, and the Southern's southbound passenger train leaving Washington at 8:45 p. m. last night, were wrecked at the Danville station this morning at 3:40 o'clock and one man killed and several passengers painfully injured.

The Dead. EDWARD NEAL, Danville; car inspector; crushed between the cars.

The Injured. J. E. McArthur, Gaffney, S. C.; passenger on the southbound train; caught between the coaches on his train and dangerously injured; will not live.

Lost Control of Train.

The accident was one of the most peculiar in the history of the Southern Railway. The southbound train arrived in Danville on time, and the car inspectors were at work inspecting the air brake and car wheels. Several passengers were standing on the platforms watching this work going on.

Coming into Danville from the south is a steep grade, one of the most precipitous on the Southern Railway. The Palm Limited northbound was on time, and the engineer says he was running about eight miles an hour when he started down the grade into the Danville depot. For some reason, yet unexplained, the engineer lost control of his train, and the limited crashed into the southbound.

Crushed to Death.

Inspector Neal was at work near the front of his train testing the air brakes when the crash came. The cars were jammed together and he was crushed to death. J. E. McArthur, of Gaffney, S. C., was standing on the platform of his train watching the car inspectors at work. When the two trains came together McArthur was thrown against the end of the car and received such internal injuries as may result in his death.

At the general offices of the Southern Railway, the news of the wreck had been received and the report as received by The Times confirmed. The management of the road has ordered an investigation to ascertain the cause of the wreck and the responsible persons will be held accountable.

SHIPWRECKED CREW SAY OFFICERS WERE DRUNK

Castaways of the Bark Alexander McNeill Reach San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Captain Jorgensen and nine of the seamen of the bark Alexander McNeill, which was stranded on Pratas Reef, near Hongkong, December 24, have arrived here on the steamer Coptic from the Orient.

The sailors say that shortly after the vessel left Hongkong, December 20, the officers became intoxicated, and the vessel drifted from its proper course, finally bringing up on the reef, where it went to pieces. The sailors remained on the reef for three weeks, finally putting to sea in an improvised boat, and were picked up by a steamer. Captain Jorgensen denies that he or any of the officers were intoxicated.

THOUSANDS OF GREEKS EMIGRATING TO AMERICA

ATHENS, March 10.—The emigration of Greeks, which has been very active for some time, shows no sign of abating. Fourteen hundred emigrants sailed for the United States last week.

STRANGE DEATHS AT SEA ON STEAMER KARAMANIA

Two of Crew and Four Passengers Victims—Overcome by Cargo Gases.

NEW YORK, March 10.—The Anchor Line steamer Karamania, which arrived this morning from Marseilles, Palermo, and Naples, was detained at Quarantine because a number of the crew and passengers died under peculiar circumstances on the voyage. Six died in all, two of the crew and four passengers. All were taken with the same symptoms—cramps, nausea, and collapse.

It is thought they were poisoned by some noxious gases rising from the cargo.

On February 8, while the Karamania was steaming to Marseilles from Palermo, four of the crew were suddenly taken ill, with nausea and spasms. Two died, one recovered, and the other was sent ashore at Palermo to a hospital, where the doctors said the men had been poisoned.

FIFTEEN LIVES LOST BY EXPLOSION OF TANK CAR

BURDICK WAS KILLED
WITH COCKTAIL BOTTLE

Latest Theory Advanced by Buffalo Police.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 10.—The police theory as to the weapon that was used to kill Burdick has been made public.

It is that the blows which were rained upon Burdick's head, shattering the skull in several places, were inflicted with the cocktail bottle that is now missing. Superintendent Bull and Chief of Detectives Cusack declare that a bottle of this kind, especially if it contained liquor, or was half filled, would be capable of fracturing a man's skull.

As to from what detail, however, the police have divulged nothing new in the Burdick case. They are going all over the work again, eliminating only such portions as they are satisfied do not need investigation. In going over the case they will re-examine many of the persons from whom statements were obtained in the first instance. In their new method of procedure the police yesterday made another visit to the Burdick house and talked once more to the inmates of the house. They will visit other persons in the same way, and hope that something may be revealed which was overlooked by the district attorney when he had charge of the case.

A letter that was written by Attorney Arthur R. Pennell to a friend in Pottsville, N. Y., was published here this morning. Mr. Pennell has admitted writing the letter but will not discuss it.

LONDON CONNECTION FOR MARCONI WIRELESS SYSTEM

LONDON, March 10.—The general post-office has agreed to connect the Marconi wireless telegraph station at Poldhu, Cornwall, with the nearest postal telegraph line. Continuous communication between America and London is thus assured.

HORRIFIED CROWD SEES WOMAN KILLED BY CAR

Vainly Attempted to Dodge Chicago Cable Train.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Dodging back and forth between two cable trains, a young woman fought blindly and madly early last evening to evade the terrible death that menaced her.

Trying to escape one train, she stepped directly in front of another, which struck her and killed her instantly. The tragedy was enacted at the corner of Goethe and North Clark Streets. Hundreds of people, spellbound, saw her killed. She had started to cross Clark Street from the west side, just after a south-bound train had passed. After she reached the middle of the tracks she saw another train bearing down upon her. The fender, instead of picking her up, passed over her.

Before the gripman could bring his train to a stop she had been dragged thirty feet or more under the car. The body has not yet been identified. The woman was about thirty-two years old, evidently a working woman.

DR. A. W. HARRIS MAY BE HEAD OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY

BOSTON, Mass., March 10.—It is believed that Dr. A. W. Harris, head of the Jacob T. Moore Institute at Port Deposit, Md., will be chosen for the presidency of Boston University. Dr. Harris is ardently favored by the alumni, and the trustees are considering Dr. Harris' name, and that of George Vincent, of Chicago University.

Shocking Disaster on the Erie, at North Olean, N. Y. The Wreckage Hurdled With Force of Projectiles Among Spectators.

Victims Principally Boys, Ignorant of Their Danger. Accident Caused by Parting of Train of Gasolene Cars, Which Took Fire.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 10.—Shortly before 9 o'clock last evening a west-bound freight train, made up principally of tank cars, on the Allegheny division of the Erie Railroad, broke in two, a short distance from the Erie station at North Olean. The forward section of the train was brought to a stop and the rear section crashed into it.

Fire broke out and an explosion of some of the cars followed, shattering the steel tanks and sending fragments of metal with the force of projectiles in all directions, killing many persons outright. The explosion also scattered the cars' contents, gasolene, which caught fire immediately and enveloped a number of persons who had been attracted by the original blast.

Fifteen Dead—Fifty Injured.

An estimate of the dead and injured made this morning places the dead at fifteen and the injured at upward of fifty.

Fifteen of the dead have been identified as follows:

MARTIN V. DRISCOLL, aged 22.
WILLIE ROSS, 15.
HARRY GODDEN, 18.
RICHARD CONNELL, 19.
HARMON VOLMAN, 15.
JOHN MCMAHON, 19.
WALTER SWIFT, 19.
JOHN TOBIN, 16.
JOHN MCCREARY, 13.
JOHN STEMLINGER, 17.
NORMAN BROWN, 57.
FALLAULO QUARANTO.
CARMIN SICLIANO.
WALTER JACKSON.
MARTIN GALLAGHER.

Of those injured and at the general hospital the names of the following are known:

James McDonald, fatally burned; Richard McDonald, fatally burned, and James McCreedy, legs and face burned.

Train Parted on Bridge.

The train was approaching the Erie station at North Olean when the accident happened. There is a small bridge east of the station. As the middle of the train rested upon this structure one of the couplings is supposed to have parted. The automatic brakes were set at once and the front end of the freight came to a standstill.

The detached rear end crashed into it and one of the eight tank line cars in the center was broken squarely in two. The tank cars were filled with gasolene, which flowed out upon the tracks. Fire followed the wreck, and the reflection of the burning gasolene could be plainly seen at this place and for miles around.

Throng Attracted by Fire.

A great crowd of Olean people soon gathered to watch the progress of the fire. The Erie tracks at the point where the wreck and fire occurred are banked high for a long distance on each side of the bridge, and the sightseers climbed upon the bank and tracks, at what they thought was a safe distance from the flames. There were several heavy explosions soon after the fire started, but the crowd at that time was so far removed from the burning cars no one was injured. Gradually, as the cars one by one caught fire and the flames became more spectacular, the curious edged closer and closer, until they had to be warned back.

Boys Ignorant of Danger.

Despite the warnings of the trainmen and others in authority, a small knot of adventurous boys persisted in going as close to the wreck as the heat would permit, and seemingly ignorant of their danger, they stood in the ravine below the bank and track, watching the destruction of the tank cars.

At 10:40 o'clock the flames had crept through the train, and reached one of the largest cars of the string. A second or two later there came an explosion which shook the ground, and small pieces of the iron sides of the car were hurled in every direction.

The boys were enveloped in flames. The crowd of sightseers on either side of the track was driven back by flying missiles and heat waves which followed the explosion, and nearly every one of the small group of youngsters below the embankment is believed to have perished.

Hospital Facilities Taxed.

At 1 o'clock this morning five of the injured had been received at the Olean General Hospital, and a message asking for additional ambulances stated that many more were on their way to the hospital. It is said that the dead were mainly boys and young men, who had been standing near the bank and tracks when the heaviest explosion occurred. The injured are from the body of the crowd of sightseers.

The bodies of the dead lay in full sight of everyone gathered at the fire, but for hours the heat was so intense that no attempt could be made to remove the bodies. Many were burned beyond recognition.